Copyists of the Revenue Department.

283. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list, by taluks, of the number of copyists employed by the Revenue Department during the years 1100, 1101, 1102 and 1103 together with the net amount of copying fees received and distributed among these copyists during those years?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information asked for is laid on the table.

Regulation of Motor bus fares.

284. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the owners of service motor buses including eight seater buses are very often demanding from the passengers unreasonably high rates of fare according to their whims and caprices;

(*b*) whether a schedule of rates fixing the fares is also issued along with the permits issued to the bus-owners; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, whether they have, by any general or special order, fixed the fares to be realised by such owners from the passengers?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know whether the Government will enquire into the mattter?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The member suggests a course of action; hence it cannot be answered.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): My question was with regard to part (*a*) of the question.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the reply that the answer is in the nagative.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): My question is with reference to part (*a*) of the answer whether the Government will enquire into the matter?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The question is whether they are aware and not whether they have enquired.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know now whether the Government will enquire as to whether there is such a practice now obtaining.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The member cannot suggest any course of action which the Government should take.

* *Vide* Appendix VIII pages 43—46.

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